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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 March 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The specification provides no examples or explanations of the instant application from start to finish instructing one skill in the art of how to construct the instant application without undue experimentation. The instant application's embodiment merely recites the claimed language but offers no explanation above and beyond the recited claimed language.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

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Claim 1 recites the limitation "the localization", "the icon", "the place", "the consultation". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Regarding claims 2, 4, 5, the phrase "to make possible" renders the claim(s) indefinite.

The term "or similar superior or upper" in claim 5 is a relative term which renders the claim indefinite. The term " or similar superior or upper " is not defined by the claim, the specification does not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite degree, and one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kida (US 2006/0092155) and Kouchiyama (US 2004/0158400).

Per claim 1, Kida teaches computer oriented way device by three-dimensional image which aim is to facilitate to the localization of departments, store, items in exposition, numbered seats and strategic points of great shopping centers, museums, big stores, supermarkets, companies, houses of entertainment, theaters, fairs, events, among others to be located, characterized for being constituted of a computer program, installed in an electronic equipment endowed with monitor and a directive device of the icon of movement of the screen, that possesses an instantaneous menu of search and searches the place of interest of the user, in

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different categories of search, so that, when the user informs the place of desired destination, the program generates a three-dimensional image about the shortest and better way to be covered by the user, from the consultation point to the chosen place, followed of notes about the shortest trajectory to be covered by means of an object in movement ([0018]; [0039]; [0043];[00197]; [0209]). Kida does not specifically teach a touch or voice device. However, Kouchiyama teaches a navigation system utilizing touch panel and voice [0034]. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include the teaching of a navigational system of Kouchiyama in the invention of Kida in order to provide the user with a navigation system that utilizing on screen input interface. Thus, this would eliminate the need for keyboard/mouse input interface.

Per claim 2, the modified computer oriented way device by three-dimensional image according to claim 1, characterized by the computer program, installed in the electronic equipment, to make possible the consultation to be executed in real time, illustrating instantaneously where the products, places or items looked by the user are situated (Kida, [0034]; [0043]; [0113]).

Per claim 3, the modified Kida teaches computer oriented way device by three-dimensional image according to claim 1, characterized for the computer program to add promoting mechanisms that use audiovisual resources, as a way to call the attention the customers and visitors of the place where the electronic equipment contained in the program is installed (Kouchiyama, fig. 1, element 8).

Per claim 4, the modified Kida teaches computer oriented way device by three-dimensional image according to claim 1, characterized for the computer program to make

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possible to be freely available for consultation in the world-wide net of computers (Kida, [0098]; [0115]).

Per claim 5, the modified Kida teaches computer oriented way device by three-dimensional image according to claim 1, characterized for the computer program to make possible to be available in CD or similar superior or upper for free distribution between the customers ([0024]).

Inquiries

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to THANH T. VU whose telephone number is (571)272-4073. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon- Fri 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William L. Bashore can be reached on (571) 272-4088. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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